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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

February 17th.1914.

Dear Mr President,

A year ago an Air-compressor and Crematorium for the destruction of animals and animal refuse, were installed in this Building at a cost of a little under $800, and these were placed under my supervision.

Part of the expense of this plant was paid from the account of the Power House to enable them to use the compressed air from time to time as they required it.

The plant was set up by the workmen of the University, but it has never yet been in satisfactory working order - the main defect being in the driving of the Compressor. This is due partly because the motor and compressor have not been set up in proper alignment partly because no provision was made for the stretching of the belt.

In providing the original estimates apparently no provision was made for enclosing the plant. It is quite unprotected, so that anyone who can get into the basement of the building can interfere with it.

During last week the Compressor was found running at night on two occasions. On neither of those days had it been used in my Department nor in Professor Macallum's. On the morning after the second occasion the valve leading to the Power House was found to be open. I have this morning received a letter from the

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Superintendent that they had not used the Compressor in the Power House that night, so apparently some unauthorised person had started it and left it working.

I have thought it right to let you know at once of this unsatisfactory state of affairs, so that steps may be taken to protect this expensive plant, and have it put into a proper state of efficiency.

Yours truly,

J. J. Brodie

March 10th, 1914

Professor T. G. Brodie,

University of Toronto.

My dear Professor Brodie:

In the statement for 1913 of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust I find in the list of honours obtained during the last year the name of one of our graduates, S. C. Dyke from British Columbia, who was awarded the first class in Natural Science in the department of Physiology. As I remember Dyke he was a good man. Possibly this may be a trace that will help you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 12th, 1914

Professor Brodie,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Brodie:

I do not wish to ask the Governors for anything further grant this year in connection with work that may be connected with the Physiological Department. Mr. Campbell will not be willing to take the amount on his own account I am sure, and I had to bear a certain amount of criticism at the last meeting of the Board of Governors in having additions made for maintenance in Physiology after the estimates have been passed. You will see therefore that it is not wise for us to bring a matter forward again this spring which cannot be disscoiated from the department of Physiology. I think we shall have to defer the matter until the new estimates come in. By that time you will see how it is working and whether such a partition is absolutely necessary.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 20th, 1914

Professor T. G. Brodie,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Brodie:

I have referred to the Superintendent the question as to providing for the protection of the Air Compressor and the Crematorium. Presumably a special grant would have to be made in order to shut the apparatus in. Perhaps this could be arranged for next summer, if you will call my attention to it. It is rather late in this term I fancy to take it up.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January,21st.1914.

Dear Mr President,

In accordance with the approval of the Board of Governors that the appropriation of $1200 for the lecturer in my Department be rendered available as a salary for a special lecturer, I wish to reccommend that Mr G,R,Mines.M.A. of the Physiological Department of the University of Cambridge be appointed special lecturer to the end of the Session, and to receive the full sum of $ 1200 for his services.

Mr Mines has already left England.

Yours truly,

J. J. Mackie

January 23rd, 1914

Professor Brodie,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Brodie:

Yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Board an additional appropriation was made to your department for the purpose of meeting the duty on the apparatus that recently arrived.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 11th, 1913.

Dear Mr President,

In reply to your letter about my request that Mr Kenny might have a key to the Medical Building.
Mr Kenny refused to give a deposit of $ 5 for a key, and I think rightly so. I cannot help feeling that it is a very sad mistake to put difficulties in the way of men who are willing to devote a great deal of time without pay, to research work in any Department. The Professor in any Department must of necessity first feel assured that the man may be trusted in the Department, and quite frequently with a great deal of expensive apparatus in the Department. To extend this trust in another direction which involves the University in the possible cost of $ 5 should the man lose his key, or be dishonest enough not to return it, appeals to me as a very minor consequence in comparison to the other.
It should be our aim to help these men in every way we can, for as you fully agree encouragement of research work in the different Laboratories is one of the first aims of a University.

Yours truly,

T. G. Brodie

December 11th, 1913

Professor T. G. Brodie,

Medical Building.

Dear Professor Brodie:

The Superintendent has referred to me your request for a key for Mr. R. Y. Kenny in your department. He tells me that Mr. Kenny is not on salary in the University, and that in these circumstances he asked him for a deposit, but Mr. Kenny refused to give it.

I think that if Mr. Kenny is not on salary the Superintendent is right in withholding the key until a deposit is made, because as you will remember in the letter that was sent to the staff the deposit is required in the case of those over whom the Bursar has no control.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 7th. 1913.

Dear Mr President,

In this year's appropriations provision was made for a new Laboratory Attendant to be shared by the Departments of Surgery and Physiology. I wish to nominate Mr.E.C.Williams whom I selected while in England with Professor Cameron's concurrence. He is now in Toronto.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. Brodie

October 10th, 1913

Professor T. G. Brodie,

Medical Building.

Dear Professor Brodie:

Yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Board of Governors a committee was appointed to consider the question that you brought before the Property Committee in your letter of Tuesday. The first meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 13th, at 4 o'clock in the Senate Chamber (Round Room). Will you kindly be present to meet the Committee on that occasion ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 8th, 1913

Professor Brodie,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Brodie:

Yesterday afternoon at the Property Committee I read the letter that you left with me yesterday morning. The Committee resolved to recommend to the Board of Governors, which meets to-morrow, the appointment of a small committee before which you may place your views with regard to your relations to the Superintendent's Office. Doubtless the Board of Governors will adopt this resolution to-morrow.

At the same time I stated that you desired that keys should be provided for the assistants and servants in your laboratories. The Committee, however, were of opinion that in view of the probability that there would soon be a readjustment of the whole condition, it is unwise at present to interfere with any definite regulations that are now in force.

Yours sincerely,

President.